

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Call to Order: VICE CHAIRMAN Verdell Jackson, on January 7, 2009
at 9 A.M., in Room 422 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Verdell Jackson, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Gregory D. Barkus (R)
Sen. Roy Brown (R)
Sen. Jim Keane (D)
Sen. Carolyn Squires (D)
Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser (R)
Sen. Joseph (Joe) Tropila (D)
Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Joe Balyeat, Chairman (R)
Sen. Jim Peterson (R)
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Linda Keim, Committee Secretary
Pat Murdo, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 42, SB 47, SB 54, 12/16/2008

Executive Action: None

00:03:19 Jerry Keck, Employment Relations Division Administrator,
Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

EXHIBIT (bus03a01)

00:05:23 Vice Chair Verdell Jackson

HEARING ON SB 42

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:05:46 **SEN. JESSE LASLOVICH (D), SD 43**, opened the hearing on
SB 42, Provide substitution procedure for workers'
compensation judge.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:09:44 Jim Shea, Judge, Worker's Compensation Court
00:13:08 Nancy Butler, General Counsel, Montana State Fund
00:14:01 Bruce Spencer, Property Casualty Insurers Corporation,
also representing Jacqueline Lenmark, American Insurance
Association
00:14:32 Bob Worthington, Montana Self Insurer's Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:15:10 Sen. Keane
00:15:44 Sen. Laslovich
00:15:53 Sen. Barkus
00:18:03 Judge Shea

Closing by Sponsor:

00:18:53 Sen. Laslovich
00:19:00 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy entered the hearing

HEARING ON SB 47

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:20:56 **SEN. DONALD STEINBEISSER (R), SD 19**, opened the
hearing on **SB 47**, Revise title loan act on license
issuing and violating federal laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:22:35 Annie Goodwin, Commissioner, Department of
Administration, Banking and Financial Institutions of
Montana (DOA)

00:30:25 Claudia Clifford, Advocacy Director, AARP Montana
EXHIBIT (bus03a02)

00:32:32 Aidan Myhre, Montana Community Foundation

00:34:17 Ali Bovingdon, Attorney General's Office (AG)

00:35:54 Linda Gryczan, Business and Professional Women (BPW)

00:36:59 Mark Taylor, Select Management Resources

00:37:34 Mark Staples, Montana Title Loans

00:40:09 Paul Andrews, Director Public Policy, Consumer Credit
Counseling of Montana

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:41:16 Sen. Brown

00:45:13 Annie Goodwin

00:46:21 Sen. Keane

00:49:03 Ms. Goodwin

00:49:14 Sen. Barkus

00:52:55 Ms. Goodwin

00:53:43 Sen. Windy Boy

00:58:22 Ms. Goodwin

Closing by Sponsor:

00:58:44 Sen. Steinbeisser

HEARING ON SB 54

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:00:25 **SEN. DONALD STEINBEISSER (R), SD 19**, opened the hearing
on **SB 54**, Revise deferred deposit loan act on license
issuing and violation of federal law.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:01:46 Annie Goodwin, DOA

01:08:44 Claudia Clifford, Advocacy Director, AARP Montana

01:11:10 Ali Bovingdon, AG

01:12:49 Bernie Herrington, President, Montana Deferred Deposit
Lenders Association

01:16:24 Linda Gryczan, BPW
01:16:52 Riley Johnson, Community Financial Services Association
of America
01:19:50 Aiden Myhre, Montana Community Foundation

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:21:02 Sen. Tropila
01:21:08 Ms. Goodwin
01:21:24 Sen. Brown
01:21:48 Ms. Goodwin
01:23:00 Sen. Brown
01:23:38 Ms. Clifford
01:23:53 Sen. Brown
01:24:05 Ms. Gryczan
01:24:12 Sen. Squires
01:27:32 Ms. Goodwin

01:28:02 Sen. Balyeat entered the hearing

01:28:27 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy
01:30:51 Mr. Herrington
01:30:56 Sen. Windy Boy
01:31:13 Mr. Herrington
01:34:02 Sen. Windy Boy
01:34:32 Ali Bovingdon
01:35:31 Sen. Squires
01:37:41 Ali Bovingdon
01:38:33 Sen. Squires
01:39:46 Mr. Herrington
01:40:17 Sen. Squires
01:40:32 Sen. Barkus
01:42:35 Ms. Goodwin
01:42:56 Sen. Keane
01:44:42 Ms. Goodwin

Closing by Sponsor:

01:45:38 Sen. Steinbeisser

01:46:35 Break

01:57:45 Chairman Balyeat assumed Chair position
02:10:00 Pat Murdo, Legislative Services Division
02:14:00 Chairman Balyeat

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:30 A.M.

LINDA KEIM, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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